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SUBJECT: DAKAR FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

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1. SUMMARY: COMMUNIQUE READ BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR APRIL 21
AT END OF FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT EXPRESSED CONVICTION OF

AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS THAT ASSURING "SECURITY, INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY" WAS PREREQUISITE TO DEVELOPMENT. THEY CALLED FOR END TO FOREIGN MEDDLING IN AFRICA. ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, CONFERENCE ENDORSED COMMON FUND, AND MECHANISMS TO IMPLEMENT BALANCED ENERGY POLICY AND REDUCE DEBT BURDEN OF LEAST DEVELOPED. AFRICAN SOLIDARITY FUND WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH \$60 MILLION FOR FIRST THREE YEARS. AFRICANS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GISCARD'S EFFORTS TO ENLIST OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES IN HIS PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICA, AND VOICED SATISFACTION WITH FRENCH ADHESION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, WITH AID FROM FRANCE "AS WELL AS OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS," WITH EEC'S CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND WITH LOME CONVENTION. HOWEVER, AFRICANS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REDUCED COMPLEMENT OF FRENCH EXPERTS IN THEIR COUNTRIES, ENDORSED "GLOBALIZATION" OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL AND URGED BETTER SYSTEM TO PROTECT CAREER INTERESTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL. SUMMIT WILL RECONVENE IN PARIS IN 1978 AND IN KIGALI FOLLOWING YEAR. SENGHOR'S PROPOSAL FOR STRUCTURE GROUPING FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS OF STATE WAS DEFERRED TILL NEXT YEAR. ESSENTIAL LANGUAGE OF COMMUNIQUE IS SET FORTH BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. PARTICIPANTS "WENT OVER, IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION WHICH CHARACTERIZES THEIR MEETINGS, THE ENSEMBLE OF MAJOR CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH THEM IN CONCRETE FASHION." THEY "SUCCESSIVELY CONSIDERED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND MONETARY QUESTIONS, EURO-AFRICAN RELATIONS, FRANCO-AFRICAN COOPERATION." PARTICIPANTS "CONFIRMED THEIR IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NECESSITY TO WORK ACTIVELY AND IN A SPIRIT OF CONCERTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MORE JUST ECONOMIC ORDER CONFORMING MORE CLOSELY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE LEAST FAVORED NATIONS. THEY REVIEWED ALL THE PROBLEMS...OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE: ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, AID TO DEVELOPMENT." THEY "CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT CONCRETE SOLUTIONS BE FOUND TO THE PROBLEMS POSED, NOTABLY BY THE CREATION OF A COMMON FUND, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADAPTED STRUCTURES FOR A BALANCED ENERGY POLICY, AND THE DEFINITION OF A MECHANISM FOR REDUCING THE DEBT BURDENS WEIGHING SINGULARLY ON THE LEAST ENDOWED COUNTRIES."

3. THE AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS "EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITION TAKEN BY FRANCE TO ENABLE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS TO ADVANCE, AND UNDERScoreD THE NECESSITY TO PURSUE TENACIOUSLY THE INITIATION OF MARKET ORGANIZATION FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS." THEY NOTED THE DEMARCHES CARRIED OUT BY (GISCARD)... TO ENLIST THE PARTICIPATION OF VARIOUS WESTERN COUNTRIES IN THE SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICA (FONDS EXCEPTIONNEL DE PROMOTION DE L'AFRIQUE), THE CREATION OF WHICH WAS APPROVED IN PARIS IN MAY 1976. THEY

UNDERScored THEIR INTEREST IN PUTTING THIS PROJECT RAPIDLY INTO OPERATION."

4. THE AFRICANS "EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE WILL DEMONSTRATED BY (GISCARD) TO AUTHORIZE, BEGINNING WITH THE SPRING 1977 SESSION, FRENCH ADHESION TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, AS SOON AS THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GIVES ITS RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST PRESENTED IN THIS DIRECTION BY FRANCE. THEY FINALLY NOTED THE AGREEMENT OF AN INCREASINGLY LARGE MAJORITY AMONG THEM TO SUBSCRIBE TO AN INCREASE IN THE CAPITAL OF THE AFRICAN SOLIDARITY FUND, AS SOON AS THAT ORGANISM HAS FUNCTIONED FOR A SUFFICIENTLY LONG PERIOD, SO THAT THE MAIN LINES OF ITS ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE BECOME APPARENT. THE ENDOWMENT OF THIS FUND FOR THE THREE INITIAL YEARS WAS ESTABLISHED AT 300 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS...THEY GAVE APPROVAL TO THE ADMISSION TO THE SOLIDARITY FUND OF GUINEA-BISSAU, CAPE VERDE AND THE SEYCHELLES."

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5. THE PARTICIPANTS "ANALYZED THE CAUSES OF WORLD INFLATION,
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AND CONFIRMED ANEW THAT THERE ALSO EXISTED AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL ADDITIONAL CAUSES WHICH AGGRAVATE THAT INFLATION WHICH IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO FIGHT ENERGETICALLY AT THE LEVEL OF STATES. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE EEC TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. THEY ASSESSED THE FIRST YEAR OF APPLICATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION AND CONCLUDED THAT ITS MECHANISMS, OF WHICH THE INNOVATIVE CHARACTER HAD BEEN EMPHASIZED WITH SATISFACTION AT THE TIME, WERE EQUALLY REALISTIC, SINCE THEY HAD FUNCTIONED EFFECTIVELY."

6. THE AFRICANS "MADE KNOWN TO (GISCARD) THEIR CONCERN OVER THE REDUCTION IN THE COMPLEMENT OF EXPERTS PLACED BY FRANCE IN THEIR COUNTRIES. (GISCARD) TOOK NOTE OF THESE CONCERNS AND EXPLAINED THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL REASONS WHICH HAD COMPELLED FRANCE TO ELIMINATE SEVERAL POSITIONS. HE UNDERTOOK THAT THIS DIMINUTION WOULD NOT CONTINUE IN 1978." THE AFRICANS "GAVE THEIR AGREEMENT FOR PUTTING IN PLACE OR PURSUING, AS THE CASE MAY BE, A SYSTEM OF GLOBALIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN MATTERS OF PERSONNEL, AND ENVISAGED A MORE SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT IN FAVOR OF THE LEAST FAVORED. THE CONFERENCE ALSO INSISTED THAT, IN THE FIELD OF CADRE TRAINING, A QUOTA OF PLACES BE RESERVED IN THE MAJOR SCHOOLS OF TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR STUDENTS FROM AFRICA. IT FINALLY VOICED THE WISH THAT, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE RECRUITMENT AND STABILITY OF RENCH COOPERATION PERSONNEL, FRANCE TAKE ALL STEPS TO BENEFIT THE PURSUIT OF THEIR CAREER AND THEIR REINTEGRATION, WHEN THE MOMENT COMES, INTO THEIR ORIGINAL ADMINISTRATION."

7. THE CONFERENCE "EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE AID THAT FRANCE, AS WELL AS OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, CONTRIBUTE IN SCRUPULOUS RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES AND CHOICES OF DEVELOPMENT TRACKS."

8. "CLOSING THEIR CONFERENCE BY A GENERAL AFRICAN TOUR D'HORIZON, (THE AFRICANS) REITERATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT NOTHING COULD CONSTRUCT ITSELF ON THE CONTINENT IF THE SECURITY,
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INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY OF STATES WAS NOT ASSURED. ONLY THE SPIRIT OF RECIPROCAL RESPECT AND MUTUAL AID, LINKED TO A CLOSE SOLIDARITY, COULD CREATE THE CONDITIONS OF THAT PEACE (WHICH IS) INDISPENSABLE TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. IT IS A PRIORITY INTEREST THAT FOREIGN MEDDLING ON THE CONTINENT BE PREVENTED AT THE SOURCE. THE CONFERENCE FIRMLY REMINDED THAT THE ONLY BATTLE THAT MERITED BEING JOINED IN AFRICA WAS THE COMBAT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PEACE, UNITY AND COOPERATION."

9. "IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT FRANCO-AFRICAN CONFERENCE WOULD BE HALD IN PARIS IN 1978," TO BE PRECEDED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. THE CONFERENCE ALSO ACCEPTED RWANDA'S INVITATION TO HOST THE 1979 MEETING. "AFTER HAVING HARD A COMMUNICATION FOR (SENGHOR) CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD REGROUP THE FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, THE CONFERENCE DECIDED THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD BE STUDIED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE NEXT FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT."
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